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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the application on the merits, kindly enter the following amendment:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-22, and add claims 23-38 as follows:

- ~~23.~~ An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) a polynucleotide encoding amino acids from about 1 to about 270 of SEQ ID NO:2;
 - (b) a polynucleotide encoding amino acids from about 2 to about 270 of SEQ ID NO:2;
 - (c) the polynucleotide complement of the polynucleotide of (a) or (b); and
 - (d) a polynucleotide at least 90 % identical to the polynucleotide of (a), (b), or (c).

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